Notes from Linda, my camp counselor at the Logan Square YMCA

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[watching Grease]

you see that? you see how he lied and told his boys all this stuff that didn't happen? men are dogs.

[when some kids from the block come to the Y with a baby pitbull]

I might need to take that dog home with me. they were feeding it rice and beans at home. can you believe that? that is so ghetto.

[on Betty Boop]

I have Betty Boop everything, on my car. Betty Boop hanging in the rearview, Betty Boop sticker on the bumper. I love her. Betty Boop was originally for adults. she's very sexy.

[regarding babies and the choice of whether to have them] me and my husband were talking about having a baby but I got scared. I started taking the pill again and I didn't tell him.

[on financial autonomy]

a woman should always have her own money. I have my own bank account. my husband doesn't know about it. I got my own money in there. cause you never know.